
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6406

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By Senate Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Franklin, Hargrove, Kohl-Welles, Weinstein, Carrell, Marr, Fairley, Shin, Kauffman, Fraser, Pridemore, Rasmussen, Sheldon, Murray, McAuliffe, McDermott, and Kline)

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1 AN ACT Relating to offender education; adding new sections to
2 chapter 72.09 RCW; and creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature intends to create a program
5 in civic education to be taught in conjunction with basic skills
6 education. This program is designed to facilitate successful
7 reintegration into the community following release.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 72.09 RCW
9 to read as follows:

10 (1) As a component of basic skills education, the department shall
11 create, by rule, a program to provide offenders who are United States
12 citizens with the opportunity to participate in programs designed to
13 educate offenders on American citizenship and civil rights. The
14 program shall include, but not be limited to, the following topics:

15 (a) Responsible citizenship;

16 (b) Rights lost to felony offenders and restoration, including gun
17 ownership and possession;

18 (c) Voting laws and felony voting rights restoration;

1 (d) Legal financial obligations;
2 (e) Sex offender registration and community notification; and
3 (f) Civic participation, including participation in local, state,
4 and federal government processes, school boards, neighborhood
5 organizations, and nonprofit or volunteer organizations.

6 (2) Upon satisfactory completion of a program, the department shall
7 issue a certificate of completion to an offender.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 72.09 RCW
9 to read as follows:

10 The department shall provide to offenders, before release into the
11 community, information regarding community service providers that
12 provide educational services and other assistance programs to
13 offenders.

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